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Shall the "iron fist" rule the world?
 It is up to the United States.

One of the minor victories of Christmas is to be satisfied with what you received.

The German emperor's visit to the Verdun front may preface another blood-letting orgy there.

With Christmas matters cleaned up, start right in to purchase United States government thrift stamps.

The frequent reiteration of the statement by the German emperor that the Lord is with Germany proves that the emperor is somewhat doubtful on that point and wishes to reassure himself.

A runaway street car in Pittsburg took more lives than the Americans have lost in a single engagement on the European war front; and yet we are prone to think that we really are in the war.

The Bolshevik stipulation that no Teuton troops should be transferred during the period of the armistice is being honored in the breach. Otherwise, the Bolshevik will find themselves neatly trapped later on.

Secretary of War Baker thinks that the preparations for war that are being made by the United States should be kept up. Not only that, but they should be accelerated—or Congressman Dale, among others, is an alarmist.

The Times wishes to congratulate the people of Barre over their strong support of the recent Red Cross drive for increased membership and, at the same time, it desires to extend the appreciation of the community to the administrators and canvassers who helped to make the splendid showing possible. One and all did well.

We notice that some of the states, from which came a loud clamor about alleged lack of patriotism in Vermont, have had a hard time reaching their quota in the Red Cross membership drive, while Vermont was going far ahead of its quota. Evidently it does not pay to ridicule or berate your neighbor, because the stuff may come back as a boomerang.

The late Senator Francis G. Newlands of Nevada occupied a position in Washington all out of proportion to the small size of the state which he represented in the Senate. Coming from one of the smallest states in the union he nevertheless was one of the most influential members of the Senate because of his personal ability combined with his politics. As a staunch Democrat, Newlands was in close communication with the present administration, a privilege which was his right because of his ability. The country has lost an influential man.

After all it has to be admitted that the Kaiser's boast of successes in battle and in treachery in 1917 is well founded. From the military standpoint, the Germans have not suffered any tremendous reverses, although they have had setbacks on the western front and although their Turkish ally has lost Jerusalem. On the other hand, they have been freed from the Russian menace for the time being at least, through German machination; and they have driven the Italians back from hard-earned gains and are even threatening the country of Victor Emmanuel. So from the viewpoint of the conscienceless braggart, the Kaiser has considerable justification for boasting of his successes in the year just coming to a close.

Until the railroad grade crossings in Vermont are eliminated, it would be wise to follow the old advice to "stop, look and listen" before crossing the track. Several recent fatalities emphasize the advice. It might be added also that when driving a horse it would be the part of wisdom not to drive near the crossing when a train is approaching, no matter what sort of an animal is in the shafts, because no one knows what a horse will do when startled by the screech of a locomotive from a point near by. There is no information to show that the two Dow boys killed just north of Montpelier last Saturday night were victims of a horse's caprices most unexpectedly manifested; but there is reasonable ground for believing that they may have halted near the crossing to let the train pass, only to have their horse take fright at the sudden screech from the locomotive as it neared the crossing and to haul them into the danger zone. That is a possible theory in a case in which ignorance of the location of a dangerous crossing could not be advanced as a contributing cause, for the boys were thoroughly familiar with the road between Middlesex and Montpelier. Therefore, halt your horse a distance from a crossing when a train is heard approaching.

THE RESPONSE TO THE RED CROSS APPEAL.

The public confidence felt in the integrity of the American Red Cross society

was reflected during the countrywide drive for an increase of members. The nation was asked for ten million enrollments, which would mean at least \$10,000,000. The nation gave ten million enrollments and then added something like three millions for good measure. In round figures \$13,000,000 at least was raised by this way to further the work which the organization is doing on the battlefield and, incidentally, its peace time work of assisting stricken cities and countries, such as Halifax. It is a stupendous work in behalf of humanity and it is a work well administered.

The general feeling of confidence reposed in the Red Cross society is shared by Vermont, where the response was far greater than the allotment. Vermont was asked to give 25,000 members and it responded by adding approximately 5,000 to the quota. Vermont's heart beats warmly for the Red Cross society and the state is willing to do its utmost in order that the work of the organization may continue.

CURRENT COMMENT

La Follette, the Immune.

Investigation being the order of the day in Washington, how strange it is that only one man escapes! Officers of the army and navy, some of them facing the enemy, are made the subjects of accusing inquiry. Cabinet members are summoned from important work for bittling cross examination. Men of affairs serving their country without compensation are questioned insinuatingly. Early and late these mills are grinding.

But the committee on privileges and elections of the Senate, charged with the investigation of Robert M. La Follette, cannot command a quorum, and so, after several vain attempts, it has adjourned until Jan. 7.

Nobody has accused the senator from Wisconsin of crazy enthusiasm in behalf of the national cause or of barbaric hostility to Germany. He never made a contract for guns or ships or ammunition, to be used against the foe, that might be criticized. He has recruited no armies for democracy. He has established no camps. Of clothing and arms and food and hospital supplies, good or bad, for the American forces, he is as innocent as the Kaiser.

All that is charged against Mr. La Follette is that he has opposed the war, misrepresented its purposes, chilled the patriotism of the people, and so by words at least given aid and comfort to the enemy. Let no committee takes enough interest in his case to hold a meeting. He muck-raked the United States, and that is what most of the investigators now working overtime are doing.—New York World.

Mischievous Making.

It would be impossible to conceive anything more mischievous than the interpretation which the Leninite organ in Petrograd gives to the secret clauses of the Russo-Japanese treaty of July 3, 1917. Here is an instrument aimed directly at Germany, and at Germany only, and yet we are told in flaming headlines that Russia and Japan have concluded an alliance against Great Britain and the United States. It is monstrous. Here is the vital clause in the secret agreement: "The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side demand the defence of China from political domination by any third power whatsoever cherishing hostile intentions toward Russia and Japan, and therefore undertake whenever circumstances necessitate, to enter into open relations based on full confidence, in order jointly to take the necessary steps to prevent the advent in China of such a state of affairs."

What third power seeks, or is likely to seek, political domination in China, and what third power cherishes, or is likely to cherish, at the same time, hostile intentions against Russia and Japan? Not Great Britain; certainly not the United States.

Could anything be clearer than that this secret agreement is the complement of that concluded between Viscount Ishii and Secretary Lansing? We have conceded Japan's special interest in China. What agreement she makes with Russia in this connection do not concern us. It is time to arouse public opinion against these malicious efforts to embroil the United States and Japan. If the two countries ever do get into trouble with each other, it will be the fault of those mischief-makers, who keep seeing perils where none exist. There is no clash of interest between the United States and Japan; no difficulties which cannot be smoothed over by good will on both sides. We can always take care of ourselves; but woe to him who pushes us into unnecessary dangers.—Boston Herald.

"For God's Sake Wake Up!"

From the blood-stained fields of France to the snow-clad hills of the Green mountain state is a far journey. It has just been made by Congressman Porter H. Dale of Vermont, who went over with a small and unofficial delegation from the House of Representatives to see for himself the war at first hand. From his home in Burlington, whence he has arrived to spend Christmas, he has given out this message to his own people:

"I wish I had some of those easy-chair Washington department fellows at Vimy Ridge, men who after eight months of war and not enough guns in France to equip our men are still telling the newspapers that everything is all right. I did not go into the front line trenches. I don't think it is any place for a civilian; but I walked among the stark dead bodies of gallant Englishmen. Because men are so precious and the German aviators so violent that even a burying party in the open is immediately marked and cut down by their quick-firing guns."

Congressman Dale declares that our troops lack ordnance and equipment of all sorts and are not prepared for the terrible struggle ahead of them—our troops who are now in France within sound of the guns. He confesses that his one ambition is to force the home folk to face and assume the responsibility of the war. "I should be shouldered. To that end he has begun by appealing to his neighbors:

"For God's sake wake up and realize what this war means."
 Of course, the cuckoos in the press and public life, will tell us that this Vermont congressman is "talking through his hat," or they will try to drown his voice in a roar of generalities. But the fathers and mothers, the brothers and sisters and the wives and sweet hearts whose hearts are "over there" will, as we think, thank Congressman Dale for telling them the truth, "nothing but the truth."—Boston Transcript.

BETHEL

Mrs. Samuel J. Webb has learned of the death of her mother last Friday at her home in Roulette, Pa., after a month's illness.

Miss Blanche Shepard is here for the holidays from Berlin, N. H. E. A. Davis, Jr., from Exeter, N. H., Misses Edith and Esther Gilman from New York, Miss Katherine Bartlett from Springfield, Mass., Misses Irene Cushing, Margaret Bartlett, Mildred Shaw, Grace Persons and Mildred Persons from Boston, Miss Helen Brooks from Indian Orchard, Mass., Miss Amy Wilson from Lyndonville, Ralph Twitchell from Merceburg, Pa., Miss Adeline Clifford from Baltimore, Md., with a guest, Miss Margaret Barker of Martinsville, Va., Michael O'Rourke from Braintree, Mass., Royal Wallace from Worcester, Mass., F. W. Tuttle, W. E. Grant, F. W. Quimby from Springfield, Michele Petrucelle, Everett Snelling and Ralph Porter from Windsor, Miss Charlotte Fisher from Springfield, Mass., R. S. Noble from Barre, George E. Davies from Melndoes.

Sergt. E. G. White and Corp. E. H. Sturk were the only Camp Devens men allowed to be in Bethel over Christmas. Sergt. White expects soon to be transferred to an officers' training camp in New Jersey. Corp. Sturk was promoted from private about a week ago. Austin B. Noble also has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

R. S. Washburn has recovered from an attack of grip and jaundice. F. E. Wallace now is ill with a light attack of pneumonia.

Persons in town over Christmas included Oliver S. Kerr and two sons of Rochester at P. L. Martin's, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell of Quincy, Mass., at F. A. Marsh's, Mrs. Amy R. Ford of Webster, Mass., at C. H. Goss's, Mr. and Mrs. John Rourke and daughters of Melrose, Mass., at E. A. Davis's.

Miss Lucy Paine and Mrs. C. F. Waldo were in Lebanon, N. H., over Christmas. Carl B. Spencer in Graniteville, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Myott in Enosburg Falls.

There was a Christmas tree with fitting exercises at the Universalist church Monday afternoon.

Of the village school teachers Misses Geneva Bragdon and Frances Dyer are in Boston, Miss Jessie Archibald in Chelsea, Mass., and Miss Pearl Ralph in Andover, Mass.

Donald Jacobs was here Saturday on leave from the U. S. S. Salem, where he is a wireless operator.

Celeste Gelpi heard a noise in his house last Thursday night and on visiting his cellar was rewarded by finding a valuable flashlight which an unbidden guest had hastily left.

One of the sons of Ephraim Gagne of Royalton lately caught a goshawk measuring three feet from tip to tip, in a trap set for some kind of animal. The bird attracted much attention at C. G. Clifford's for several days and by some was declared confidently to be a young American eagle.

The annual Congregational supper, rollick and business meeting will be held next week Wednesday evening.

The public service commission has ordered the name of the Bethel Telephone company changed to White River Telephone company.

Morris A. Lilley is employed at A. N. Washburn's mill.

A. Lee Cady was at East Barnard last Sunday to conduct the funeral of Herman Allen of that place, father of Clayton, H. and Charles H. Allen, both formerly of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Savage have been visiting in Keene, N. H.

WAITSFIELD

Miss Emma Lavanway has German measles and is staying with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Livingston.

George W. Wallis and family spent Sunday in Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin are the parents of a son born Sunday, Dec. 23, and named Windsor John.

All schools in town are closed for a two weeks' vacation, school opening on Monday, Jan. 7.

Miss Vone Skinner is home from her school in Barre.

Pitt Parker, the cartoonist, gave a novel entertainment with his crayons on Saturday evening in the high school auditorium. Using equally well left or right hand, he performed wonderful feats in drawing and all the while keeping up a steady stream of witicism and wisdom in his talk.

Miss Marion Andrus has the German measles.

MARSHFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Tibbetts have closed their home here and have gone to Nashua, N. H., to spend the winter.

Announcement

We've got a few lines of broken Holiday goods left and have priced them 25% off the regular price to close this week. Also Men's and Boys' Clothing going fast and at prices way below cost to manufacture.

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BROOKFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rumney and son, Wesley, spent Sunday in Randolph with their daughter, Mrs. George Bryant, and family.

Lawrence Wilcox, while spending a few days' furlough in Barre, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Helen Wilcox, Sunday.

Fred Pope of Springfield was an over-Sunday guest of his mother, Mrs. Isabelle Amidon.

The high school is closed for two weeks' vacation and the teacher, Miss Parker, has gone to her home in Colchester.

William Huggard of Middlebury college is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Huggard.

Mrs. Ellsworth Chase has been engaged to teach next term in the lower room of the village school.

Mrs. E. T. Clark and Mrs. Savilla Greene were among those from the village to attend the Sprague-Carpenter wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Sprague Tuesday evening at East Brookfield.

Ellis Babcock of New York is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rumney. They have also for their guest, Henry Wortham of Richmond, who had the misfortune to fall Sunday and strike on a hatchet which he was carrying, inflicting a gash one and one-half inches long on his leg, necessitating a physician to dress the wound.

Frank Dewey is critically ill with double pneumonia, under the care of two trained nurses. Sunday a council of doctors was called in his case.

Arthur D. Washburn is sick with grip, threatened with pneumonia.

The Red Cross dollar social held on Wednesday afternoon was a success. The experiences given made the social very pleasing. Nineteen dollars and seventy-five cents was taken in, including five new members. The next meeting is to be held with Mrs. E. T. Clark. A letter received from a soldier boy in a training camp in Rhode Island, who received a sweater from our last shipment, proves that the Red Cross work is not in vain, and is very much needed.

Remember the annual meeting, dinner and rollick of the Second church next Tuesday, Jan. 1.

At the annual meeting of Brookfield grange Friday evening, the following named officers were elected for the year ensuing: Master, Bert J. Williams; overseer, Gerald C. Follam; lecturer, Mrs. Helen Stone; steward, Clyde Blossom; assistant steward, Elton Ellis; chaplain, L. L. Stone; treasurer, Henry H. Follam; secretary, Mrs. S. E. Follam; gatekeeper, Herbert Knowles; lady assistant steward, Miss Eva Reed; Ceres, Mrs. Rose Williams; Pomona, Mrs. Ruby Bennett; Flora, Mrs. Mary Harford; pianist, Mrs. Harriet Church. The installation of officers will be on Thursday evening, Jan. 3, instead of the regular grange meeting evening, Friday, Jan. 4. The change is on account of not being able to get our favorite installing master, George C. Flint, on our regular grange evening, Jan. 4. Please bear in mind the change. The meeting is to be held Thursday evening, Jan. 3.

WEST BROOKFIELD

Walter West and Ralph Davis are home from Wallingford for Christmas.

Miss Lucinda Hatch has gone to the Randolph sanatorium for treatment.

Walter Fullam is having a very hard attack of bronchitis.

Levey Wakefield and Arthur Wakefield were in East Bethel Saturday. Mrs. George Wakefield and baby returned with the former, while Arthur stayed and returned with George Wakefield Sunday.

Mrs. David Phillips has come home from Northfield for a while.

Floyd Christopher was given a surprise party Saturday night, the occasion being his birthday. About 20 were present. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, saltines, cookies and coffee were served. Games, music and visiting were enjoyed.

A very successful and enjoyable entertainment was held last Wednesday evening in the West Brookfield church by the school, led by their teacher, Miss Blanchard. The entertainment consisted of several parts, including a sunflower drill by the six girls, and pictures in the fireplace, in which each one of the school had a part. All parts were of old-fashioned times, with songs, speaking and stories. The program was the best that has ever been given in this community. Light refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served to all. The proceeds go for charity and were about \$6.

Max Dewey visited his brother, Frank Dewey, in Brookfield Sunday. The latter is very ill.

Lena and Charlie Dennis spent Christmas day with their sister, Mrs. Elmer Woodworth, in Bethel.

Mrs. Eliza Annis has gone to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Woodworth, in Bethel, for the winter.

ORANGE.

Miss Emma Sayah visited relatives in East Barre, Westerville and Graniteville a part of last week.

Five of the Sayah girls of Northfield are spending a few days at their home.

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